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News Review

Spain in crisis after Catalan vote

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The story

Catalans are going on strike today to protest the violence that marred the region's independence referendum on Sunday.

Catalonia's regional government says over 90% of Sunday's voters opted for independence, but only 40% of Catalans voted.

Vocabulary

map out

make a detailed plan

goes it alone

does something on its own, without help from others

step back from the brink

decide against an action which may have a bad result

Language challenge

What does 'to put something on the map' mean?

- a) to find somewhere.
- b) to draw somewhere.
- c) to make something famous.

Answer

- c) to make something famous